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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GDR PREMIER TO BUDAPEST

1. SUMMARY. ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WOLFGANG RAUCHFUSS AND DEPUTY FONMIN HERBERT KROLIEKOWSKI GDR PREMIER HORSHZSINDERMAN VISITED BUDAPEST JAN 31-FEB 1 ON OFFICIAL VISIT AT INVITATION HUNGARIAN PREMIER JENO FOCK. GDR PARTY HAD TALKS WITH FOCK AND VISITED WITH HSWP LEADER JANOS KADAR AND PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL PAL LOSONCZI. BRIEF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FEB 2 EMPHASIZE COORDINATION IN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL SPHERES. PRESS UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE OF GDR AS HUNGARY'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER (AFTER USSR) AND PROVIDED SOME DETAILS ON PROJECTED 1974 TRADE LEVEL AND CATEGORIES OF TRADE INVOLVED. VISIT

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AVE IMPRESSION OF HAVING BEEN HASTILY PASTED TOGETHER SUGGESTING THAT

MAIN GDR CONCERN WAS TO COUNTERACT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE VISIT OF GOH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BIRO TO FRG AND HIS CALL ON WILLY BRANDT. END SUMMARY.

2. CURRENT AND LONG-TERM TASKS OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION OUTLINED DURING TALKS WIT BOTH PARTIES EXCHANGING VIEWS ON "COORDINATION OF PEOPLES ECONOMIC PLANS FOR 1976-1980 PERIOD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPLEX PROGRAM ADOPTED BY 25TH SESSION OF CEMA ON FURTHER LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES". TWO PARTIES AGREED THEY WERE WORKING "UNCEASINGLY" TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP WITH USSR, TO CONSOLIDATE "UNITY OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY" AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO "REALIZATION OF COORDINATED POLICY OF PEACE PROGRAM ADOPTED BY 24TH CONGRESS OF CPSU".

3. PRESSTREATMENT OF VISIT UNDERSCORES FACT THAT GDR IS HUNGARY'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER AND NOTES THAT TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES THIS YEAR EXPECTED TO INCREASE 17 PERCENT OVER LAST YEARS' LEVEL OF 550 M RUBLES. SPECIALIZATION AND JOINT VENTURES COME IN FOR PRAISE AS MOST IMPORTANT FIELD OF COOPERATION WITH TWO COUNTRIES PRESENTLY JOINING IN 12 PRODUCTION EFFORTS. COOPERATION PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN PRECISION ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS, AND ELECTRO-TECHNICAL INDUSTRY WHICH MAGYAR NEMZET POINTS OUT IS "CONNECTED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFORM COMPUTER SYSTEM OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". PAPER GOES ON TO SAY THAT OVER 100 PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION, MORE THAN HALF OF THEM CONNECTED WITH RECONSTRUCTION OF HUNGARIAN LIGHT INDUSTRY.

4. SINDERMANN VISIT HAD ALL HALLMARKS OF BEING HASTILY PREPARED. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO DECORATE CITY WITH USUAL FLAGS ALONG MAIN TRAVEL ROUTES AND THERE WAS NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN POLICE THROUGHOUT CITY, BOTH UNIFORMED AND OTHERWISE, SUGGESTING THAT POLICE WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR USUAL PRELIMINARY AND ROUTINE CHECKS ETC. BEFORE SINDERMANN'S ARRIVAL. THERE WAS NO FANFARE IN PRESS BEFOREHAND AND ABSENCE OF CROWDS ALONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROUTES SUGGEST PARTY UNABLE TO GET FAITHFUL ASSEMBLED IN TIME. IF INDEED VISIT WAS HASTILY ARRANGED NVT MAY WELL BE THAT GDR'S MAIN PURPOSE IN COMING TO BUDAPEST AT THIS TIME WAS TO COUNTERACT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE VISIT OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BIRO TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC, FIRST VISIT OF HUNGARIAN CABINET OFFICIAL SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO-MATIC RELATIONS WITH BONN LAST DECEMBER. WHETHER BY DESIGN OR NOT, SINDERMANN VISIT SUCCEEDED IN RELEGATING BIRO,

INCLUDING HIS CALL JAN 31 ON WILLIE BRANDT, TO SECOND  
PLACE IN MOST NEWSPAPERS.

5. SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS HERE IMPRESSED WITH  
CRISP, BUSINESSLIKE, PERFUNCTORY ASPECTS OF VISIT AND  
OBVIOUS LACK OF WARMTH IN HUNGARIAN RECEPTION. IN  
CONTRAST TO USUAL CUSTOM NO PRESS REPORTS ON CONTENTS OF  
SINDERMANN, FOCK TOASTS, HUNGARIANS UNDOUBTEDLY APPRECIATE GDR  
AS TRADING PARTNER BUT THEY DO NOT PARTICULARLY LIKE  
EAST GERMANS TO WHOM THEY DISPARINGLY REFER TO AS  
"THOSE PRUSSIANS".  
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